


Cycle of Abuse




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Experience with Victims of Domestic Violence

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ca Victim Interaction
ca Victim Participation
ca Victim as Witness

Importance of DV Prosecution

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ca PREVENTION
ca 2013: Arizona had the 5th highest rate of women murdered by men in single victim/single offender incidents in the US
ca 2013: At least 125 people were killed in domestic violence related homicides in Arizona

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IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON WOMEN

- ☞ 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime

IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON MEN

- ☞ 1 in 7 men have experience domestic violence in their lifetime

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IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON CHILDREN

- ☞ Every 44 minutes in Arizona, one or more children witness domestic violence
- ☞ Witnessing violence as a child is the strongest risk factor in transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next
 - ☞ Boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults

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IMPACT ON CHILDREN

- ☞ "The abuser creates a pervasive atmosphere of crisis in his home....[Children exposed to DV]..live in an ongoing 'alarm' state"
- ☞ Younger children and infants dissociate, sometimes called the defeat response.

Domestic Violence, Developing Brains, and the Life Span: New Knowledge from Neuroscience by Lynn Herchert Johnson

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ca IMPACT BEYOND IMMEDIATE FAMILY

ca A study of intimate partner homicides found that 20% of victims were not the intimate partners themselves, but family members, friends, neighbors, persons who intervened, law enforcement responders or bystanders

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ca Bystanders



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ca Law Enforcement



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ca Extended Family



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ca Co-workers



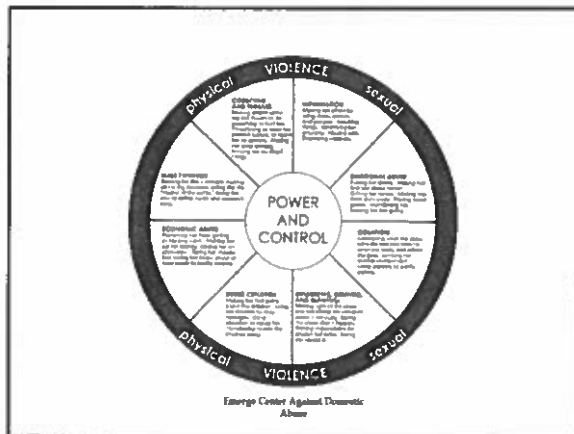
Domestic Abuse



Domestic Abuse is a pattern of coercive behavior that includes the use or threat of violence and intimidation for the purpose of gaining power and control over another person

- Physical
- Psychological
- Sexual
- Economic

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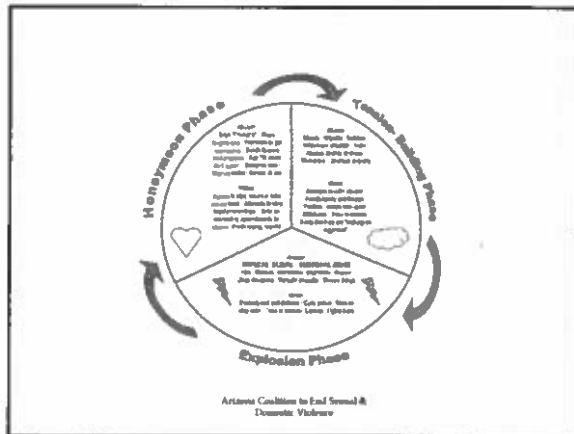
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Understanding the victim of domestic violence

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbwTMIroTbI>

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I woke up this morning feeling like I had a horrible nightmare, feeling like I'm mourning the death of my closest friend. But to have to accept the fact that it's reality is a nightmare in itself. No one knows the pain that the media & unwanted opinions from the public has caused my family. To make us relive a moment in our lives that we regret everyday is a horrible thing. To take something away from the man I love that he has worked his ass off for all his life just to gain ratings is a horrific. THIS IS OUR LIFE! What don't you all get. If your intentions were to hurt us, embarrass us, make us feel alone, take all happiness away, you've succeeded on so many levels. Just know we will continue to grow & show the world what real love is! Ravensation we love you!



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☞ Honeymoon Stage

- ☞ Abuser: Begging for forgiveness, promising it will never happen again, declaring love
- ☞ Victim: Back with abuser, hopeful
- ☞ Glimpse of life as "what it could be"
- ☞ Wanting to present as a perfect life
- ☞ Hope for a better life

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☞ Hopium addict

- ☞ Someone who puts their own emotional needs on hold while they wait for their partner to kick their addiction – be it to drugs, alcohol, gambling or emotionally and physically abusive behavior – despite all the evidence to the contrary

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Resistance from Victims

- Resistance – psychological defense mechanism wherein a person rejects, denies, or opposes the efforts of those attempting to provide help and support
- Disbelief, Denial, Anger, Shame, Guilt, Reluctance to Change

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Examples of Resistance that we see in Court

- People won't identify themselves as victim
- Refusal to come to Court
- Recanting Stories
- Requesting changes in conditions of release to allow contact

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Tension Building Stage

- Abuser: moody, isolating, withdrawing affection, threatening, nitpicking
- Victim: "walking on eggshells", withdrawing, careful, keeping children away from abuser

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- œ Explosion Stage
 - œ Abuser: Physical, Sexual, Psychological, Economic Abuse
 - œ Victim: Protects self and Children, calls police, leaves, fights back

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- œ EFFECTS OF VIOLENCE:
 - œ Physical Violence
 - œ Battery is the leading cause of injury to women
 - œ Traumatic brain injury, broken bones, gastrointestinal issues, depression, substance abuse, eating disorders
 - œ Mental/Emotional Violence
 - œ PTSD, Isolation, Suicidal, Helplessness, Terror
 - œ Economic
 - œ Homelessness, credit issues, limited skills/lack of education

Where it Begins



- œ "Grooming"
- œ Abusive past

Why Don't they Leave?



- ca Financial Dependence
- ca Emotional Dependence
- ca Wanting to keep the Family Intact
- ca Love
- ca Fear

Interacting without Revictimizing



- | Do's | Don'ts |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ca I'm sorry this happened | ca I know how you feel |
| ca It is ok to cry | ca Don't cry |
| ca It is not your fault | ca You've got to move on |
| ca You could not have prevented this | ca Time heals all wounds |
| ca There are no guarantees | ca You're lucky that you survived |

In her own words



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2u251Gilo7A>

QUESTIONS



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